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Please consider the importance of competition in our society. Regardless of the arguments made, it is clear that Microsoft has, and continues, to use its dominant operating system to force consumers to buy its other products, and to push competitors out of the market. Nothing goes more against the basic tenets of our economic system. The leaps in computer technology and ease of use have slowed dramatically since Microsoft's dominance has become monopolistic. In the 1980's Atari, Commodore, and Apple in the US, and Sinclair and Apricot in Europe, and even Microsoft, provided innovation development in the industry, with rapidly declining prices. Today, a new operating system merely means the incorporation of a copy of somebody else's innovative product into Windows, and an increased price. Soon, other companies will have no incentive to develop software that Microsoft may someday be interested in dominating.

America is competition, not monopolistic. Our economy and our society has thrived on competition, please do not abandon the principle now.

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